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Reply to Office Action

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2005. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courteous interview extended to Applicant's attorney on May 1, 2006. Allowance of the above identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendment and Remarks, where:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and
Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 16. Cancelled.

17. (currently amended) A computer implemented method of generating a document, comprising:

receiving a document template;

receiving content data;

combining the document template and the content data to generate a document;

~~receiving a context of the document which identifies~~ identifying a current location of the document; ~~and~~

identifying a new location for the document;

~~modifying, responsive to the context,~~ the document based on the new location to generate a modified document-; and

publishing the document to the new location.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the content data is received through a second user interface having functionality defined by a first user interface.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein functionality of the second user interface is determined by the document template.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the document template defines an editable section.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the content data is received from a user.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein functionality defined by the first user interface allows a user to add content data to a first document template, ~~but~~ and prevents the user from adding content data to a second document template.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~4~~ 17, wherein the new location for the document identifies a publish type, ~~context comprises one of a group containing a page preview, a local publish, an external publish, a local stage, and an external stage.~~

24. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~40~~ 23, wherein the publish type is ~~context comprises one of a group containing a page preview, a local publish, an external publish, a local stage, and an external stage.~~

25. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~47~~ 23, wherein the publish type is ~~context comprises one of a group containing a page preview, a local publish, an external publish, a local stage, and an external stage.~~

26. (new) The method of claim 23, wherein the publish type is an external publish.

27. (new) The method of claim 23, wherein the publish type is a local stage.

28. (new) The method of claim 23, wherein the publish type is an external stage.

29. (new) The method of claim 17, further comprising modifying a second document based on the new location of the document to generate a modified second document.

30. (new) The method of claim 17, further comprising publishing the second document to the new location.

Remarks

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courteous interview extended to Applicant's attorney on May 1, 2006. The present amendment is in response to the Office action dated November 1, 2005, where the Examiner rejected claims 1 – 25. In the present amendment, claims 1 – 16 have been cancelled without prejudice, claims 17 and 22 – 25 have been amended, and claims 26 – 28 have been added. Accordingly, claims 17 – 28 are pending in the present application with claim 17 being the independent claim. Reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 17 – 28 in view of the amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

The amendments to claim 17 are supported by the specification, particularly in paragraphs 32, 57, 67, 82, and 83. Additional support can be found in other locations throughout the specification. The amendments to claims 23 – 25 and new claims 26 – 28 are supported by the specification at paragraphs 52 and 53 that describe different publish types. New claims 29 and 30 are supported by the specification at paragraph 67. Applicant asserts that no new subject matter has been added by way of the amendment.

35 USC §102(e)

Pending claims 17 – 25 stand rejected under section 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,684,369 (“Bernardo”). Bernardo teaches a system for creating documents from templates and content that are combined into the document that is created. The Office Action specifically cites Bernardo in paragraphs 8 and 30 as disclosing the determination of the context of the document, which identifies a location of the document and modifying the document based upon the context. The supporting passage from Bernardo identified in the Office Action states:

The help documents are preferably HTML documents created from one or more of the templates. The help documents include fields that link the document with one or more related fields of other templates to associate each help document with one or more features and/or fields. In this way, context-sensitive help can be provided. (Column 13, Lines 42 – 48).

This passage demonstrates that the help documents taught by Bernardo are no different from the other web page documents created with the Bernardo system. They are all HTML documents. Bernardo teaches that the help pages may have been stored and linked to the Web pages, for example

during site creation. (Column 13, Lines 13 – 15). This teaching shows that Bernardo teaches that some of the web page documents it creates may include links to other web page documents.

Importantly, it is at this point (where Bernardo ends) that the claimed invention begins. The problem faced by the inventors was how to deal with such links to other documents when the web page is published. Bernardo does not address this problem. Bernardo merely teaches the creation of the web site documents from the templates and content. If the web pages created by Bernardo were moved into a wholly different directory structure, for example moved from an edit server to a user server, the links to the help pages would fail. Bernardo does not teach any solution to this problem. In fact, Bernardo does not even recognize this problem. Accordingly, Bernardo does not fairly teach or even suggest the claimed invention.

Specifically, the claimed invention (as set forth in amended claim 17) requires that the current location of a document be identified and then the new location for the document also be identified so that the to be published location is known. Next, the claimed invention requires that the document (which has already been generated) be modified based on the identified new location and that after the document has been modified, it is published to the new location. Applicant asserts that Bernardo does not teach the claimed invention and believes that independent claim 17 and its respective dependent claims are presently in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Furthermore, with respect to new claims 29 and 30, the prior art of record does not teach modifying a second document based on the new location for the first document. Nor does the prior art teach that the modified second document is also published to the new location. Accordingly, Applicant submits that new dependent claims 29 and 30 are also in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the above Amendments and Remarks, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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